नई दिल्ली नगरपालिका परिषद की मुख्य सीवर लाईन समुचित रूप से कार्य कर रही है। संचार मंत्रालय, जिसके अंतर्गत डाक-तार कालोनी कालीबाड़ी मार्ग का अनुरक्षण आता है, ने भी सूचित किया है कि कालोनी की सीवर लाइनों में गत एक माह के दौरान कोई अवरोध नहीं आया है।

Repealing Urban Land Ceiling Act, 1976

2165. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of State Assemblies which have adopted resolutions endorsing the Ordinance to repeal the Urban Land Ceiling Act, 1976;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BHANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) to (c) The Urban Land (Ceiling & Regulation) Act, 1976 which was applicable in 12 States and 3 Union Territories stands repealed in the States of Haryana, Punjab and all Union Territories with effect from 11.1.99. Government have no information regarding adoption of the Repeal Ordinance by other States.

Delhi The Dark City

2166. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-items appearing in the Times of India, dated the 14th February, 1999 captioned "Delhi the dark city of the new millennium";

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take so as to save Delhi from alarming ills of crime, pollution and overcrowding?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BHANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi is seriously concerned about all the issues. It is taking necessary steps towards gearing up its machinery to effectively tackle and improve both water and electricity supply. It is also marking concerted efforts to control vehicular pollution as also the traffic congestion. Steps have been taken towards creating public awareness as well.

MRTS Threat to Historic Monument in Delhi

2167. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mass Rapid Transit System's underground route from Central Secretariat to Delhi University Campus poses a serious threat to historic monuments such as Jantar Mantar and Kashmeri Gate;

(b) whether Government had received any representation in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what is Government reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Two representations: one from Mr. A.K. Nagi of Delhi another from M/s Unitech of Delhi were received in which objections to the Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) alignment passing close to Jantar Mantar Monument, Kashmerigate Monument, and City Wall were raised. Apprehensions were expressed in these representations that construction of MRTS structures in close

vicinity of the above monument and operation of MRTS trains will cause damage to them. This was discussed by Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (DMRC) with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASAI) and, as suggested by them, National Physical Laboratory (NPL) was commissioned to exmine the issue in depth. NPL, after conducting detailed field investigations, have concluded that construction of MRTS as per the approved alignment and operation of MRTS trains will not pose any threat to the structural stability of these monuments.

Ambedkar Awas Yojana of DDA

2168. CHAUDHARY CHUNNI LAL: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe persons were registered under the housing scheme launched by DDA in the year 1989 Ambedkar Awas Yojana on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar for SCs/STs on hire purchase basis;

(b) why the DDA is demanding the payment in Lump sum instead of instalments, when the above scheme was formulated especially for STs/STs on hire purchase basis;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to take steps in this regard for the welfare of the SCs/STs; and

(d) whether DDA can change the scheme according to their wish?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BHANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) No, Sir. As per the brochure of Ambekar Awas Yojana, mode of payment of allotment of flats was as under:

Category	Cash Down	Hire Purchase
MIG	40%	60%
LIG	25%	75%
Janta	Nil	100%

(b) Does not arise. However, in order to remove any discrimination between SC/ST registrants of NPRS-1979 Scheme and SC/ST registrants under AAY-1989, after passign of the Authority's Resolutions No. 145/92 and 168/92, the mode of payment was modified as under:—

Category	Cash Down	Hire Purchase
MIG	50%	50%
LIG	50%	50%
Janta	25%	75%

(c) and (d) DDA has reported that allotment to the registrants of Janata Category under the scheme has already been made and the scheme for this category is closed. DDA is implementing the Scheme as per the conditions given in the brochure of AAY 1989 whereby DDA reserves its right to alter any of the terms and conditions stipulated therein at its discretion, if any when considered necessary. No other proposal in this regard is under consideration with the Government.

Employment for Urban Youths in Maharashtra

2169. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of allocation made by Government during the preceeding five years to Maharashtra to generate and enhance employment opportunities for